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SUBJ: US-USSR DISCUSSION OF UNGA ISSUES: PEACEKEEPING

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1. DURING TRADITIONAL US-USSR PERMREP MEETING ON EVE OF UNGA OPENING, AMB BALIK AS EXPECTED HIGHLIGHTED PEACEKEEPING ITEMS AS MAJOR FOCUS. HE SAID FORTHCOMING UNGA SHOULD HAVE AS MAIN GOAL STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY. US AND USSR SHOULD CONVINCE ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FROM THIRD WORLD, THAT IMPROVEMENT OF US-SOV RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE STEPS TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR, ARE IN INTEREST OF ALL.

2. AMB SCALI NOTED THAT US DID NOT FIND SOV RESOLUTIONS ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND NON-USE OF FORCE WORTHY OF GA ATTENTION. UN CHARTER AND MACHINERY WERE ADEQUATE IF MEMBERS WOULD ONLY USE THEM.

3. AMB MALIK SAID US-SOV DIFFERENCES ON PEACEKEEPING WERE CRUCIAL. HE ALLEGED US WAS SPOILED BY TWO DECADES DURING WHICH US DOMINATED UN MACHINERY AND USSR SUFFERED. SOV BELIEF REMAINS THAT SC NOT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE IN FULL CHARGE OF ALL PEACEKEPPING OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SOV UNION
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WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH US SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN PEACEKEEPING FIELD.

4. AMB SCALI AGREED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD DIFFERENCES

IN PEACEKEEPING FIELD BUT NOTED US IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION
WANTED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ISSUES WITH USSR IN HOPE OF FINDING
MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTIONS. WE TOO THINK PEACEKEEPING IS
ISSUE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE.
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